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SUBJECT: PRESS ARTICLE

1. FOLLOWING PRESS ARTICLE, ENTITLED "100,000 ETHIOPIANS
STARVE IN DROUGHTS", APPEARED IN WASHINGTON POST OCTOBER 30:

2. QUOTE: LONDON. TWO MILLION MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN
ARE FACING DEATH BY STARVATION IN ETHIOPIA AFTER SEVERE
DROUGHTS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE UNITED KINGDOM
DISASTERS EMERGENCY FUND SAID YESTERDAY.

3. QUOTE: THE FUND SAID THAT BETWEEN 100,000 AND 150,000
HAVE ALREADY BEEN REPORTED DEAD AND ANOTHER THOUSAND
PERSONS ARE STARVING TO DEATH IN ETHIOPIA'S 1, GOVERNMENT-
ADMINISTERED REFUGEE CAMPS. MOST OF THOSE DYING ARE
WOMEN AND CHILDREN, THE FUND SAID.

4. QUOTE: THE DROUGHTS HAVE DESTROYED HARVESTS AND 88
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PER CENT OF THE NATION'S CATTLE, THE FUND SAID. UNQUOTE.

5. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EMBASSY COMMENT ON
EXTENT OF DROUGHT AND ACCURACY OF REPORTS OF DEAD. KISSINGER

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